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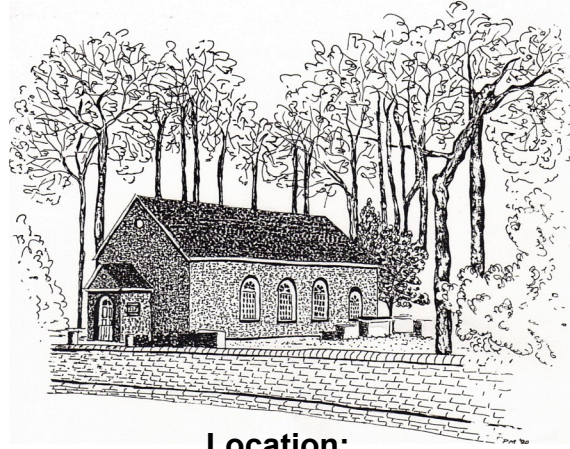
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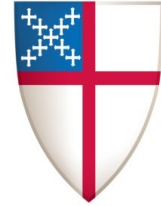
Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 AM  
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
The Rev. Bob Prichard, Ph.D.,  
priest Associate  
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure



# The Christ Church Parish

## Messenger

September 2024



*“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”*

# Welcome



# Reverend Rowe

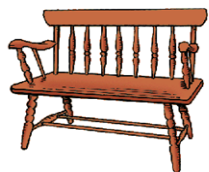


Greetings and Salutations to All,

After many months of searching, discussion and some negotiating, we are ready to welcome our new Priest in Charge, The Reverend Randi Rowe. I have personally met with Reverend Randi a few times and can honestly say the Vestry is as excited to work with her as she is equally excited to be at Christ Church and to get started with her ministry in Saluda. Reverend Randi will be located at her temporary home in Saluda and is busy getting herself and her husband, Tom, situated. The address will be distributed once she is officially located at her new home. Reverend Randi's first official day will be September 1, and we will all be happy to welcome her to Christ Church Parish. Her first few weeks will be a whirlwind with many meetings, greetings, getting to know the area, and getting to know her Parishioners, a lot for any of us to take in and digest. Welcome, Reverend Randi, as Scott Holt would say....what can we do for you today?

During the months of July and August, Christ Church Parish has used supply or substitute priests for Sunday services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Reverend Bob Prichard and the Reverend Elisa Wheeler for their wonderful and engaging sermons and their delightful presence in our sanctuary over these last two months. Both Bob and Elisa have delivered very interesting and refreshing sermon topics that have captured my imagination and have made the past few months interesting and thought-provoking. They have caused me to ask many more questions as well as to learn more about the topics they discussed. In particular I have especially enjoyed the Reverend Wheeler's sermons as she tends to make her messages personal to me and touch me in ways that I have never experienced before. Thank you both Reverend Bob and Reverend Elisa for spending your Sundays with us as well appreciate your efforts and love for Christ Church Parish.

Faithfully,  
William A Budd



## *From the Deacon's Bench*

***“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*** Hebrews 13:16 NRSV

There is a lot going on in the world today that does not focus on kindness. I feel so blessed to serve here at Christ Church, where displays of kindness are very evident. Kindness is so important, and now is a time when we must work extra hard to share that kindness with those in our community and beyond. A recent story in Reader's Digest shows that little acts of kindness mean a lot. It was

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*“When the supermarket clerk tallied up my groceries, it was \$12 over what I had on me. I began to remove items from the bags when another shopper handed me a \$20 bill. I told him, “Please don't put yourself out,” he said, “Let me tell you a story: my mother is in the hospital with cancer. I visit her every day and bring her flowers. I went this morning, and she got mad at me for spending my money on more flowers. She demanded that I do something else with that money. So, here, please accept this. It is my mother's flowers.”*

Yes, a small act can go a long way for someone in need. During this time of unrest in the world around us, let us each try to make life a little more pleasant for others. We do a good job of that regularly, but maybe we can think of a few more ways to share the love of Christ with others.

Let us each find ways to “share flowers” with those we meet.

Peace, Peg+



## **FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S WORK BENCH**

During the summer months, work has been done to prepare for our new priest. Jeff and Susie Loustaunau painted Reverend Randi's office, and Jim Dudley hung a new blind for the window. We are thankful for their work and appreciate everyone who has worked to prepare our building and grounds for her arrival.

### **Maintenance Activities Around the Church**

Our first phase of repairs on the sidewalk to the Sacristy is complete. Additional work may be needed. In August, repairs were made to the Parish Hall flooring.

### **Lost and Found**

There are several items on the coat racks by the nursery. Please look at these as soon as possible and take what is yours. There are other items in the nursery that need to be removed. If any of these things belong to you, please remove them. Keep me informed and let me know what I can do to help. We are working to straighten up the Parish Hall.

### **Fall Cleaning Day**

We are planning to add a cleaning day this fall on October 2nd. This will be for both inside and outside. Look for an email soon with a list of items to be done. Please come and help.

Reach out to me if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Scott Holt804-814-8126

◀ August	September 2024						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am	<b>2</b> Labor Day Church Office Closed	<b>3</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	<b>4</b> Christian Education 1:00 pm	<b>5</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 am  Homecoming After Service	<b>9</b> Elephant Committee 10:00 am	<b>10</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	<b>11</b> Patriot Day  Outreach Committee 10:15 am	<b>12</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> Finance Committee 9:30 am	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am  Brotherhood 9:00 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm  Tech Team 11:30 am  Vestry 1:30 pm	<b>18</b> Christian Education 1:00 pm	<b>19</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Newsletter Submission Deadline	<b>21</b> Choir Retreat 9:00 am—3:00 pm	
<b>22</b> Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am  Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	<b>25</b>   Newsletter Mailed	<b>26</b> AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am  Stewardship Breakfast 9:00 am	<b>30</b>						



### **School supplies collection**

Thanks to our congregation's generosity we were able to complete our annual collection ahead of schedule. We delivered all the items two high school foster children requested and had additional items for others. The Department of Social Services wrote us a lovely thank you note. It is posted on the "ECW" bulletin board in the hallway in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Young Professionals Group**

Lindsay Adkins (Jeannette's daughter) is making plans for more meetings with this group, which first met at our church in June. We feel that there is a real need in our community for opportunities for our young adults to get together. Our Fellowship Hall provides the perfect setting. Several new teachers from Christchurch School are already interested. It is being advertised on Facebook to reach a broader audience. In the future, we hope this will support our mission to attract younger community members to worship with us.

### **One Community Under God—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

The annual "One Community Under God" service and lunch will be held on **Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 am** at the Urbanna firehouse. This is the one opportunity each year that we have to worship together and share lunch with church members from all over Middlesex County. It is a very uplifting experience to be a part of this. The Outreach Ministry will be preparing 50 lunches. Our church will provide 8 tables and 48 chairs. Clayton Neal will be asking for volunteers to help park cars at the event. Members of our choir will join in the singing with other church choir members. Our new Rector will be listed in the program, along with the ministers of all churches that are participating.



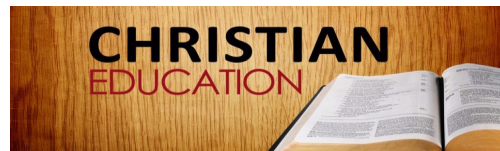
We hope you will join us for this once-a-year opportunity to be a part of our community through worship.

**Upcoming**

Christchurch School has a new chaplain, Rev. Jen Kimball. Per her request, we will provide “goodie bags” for Christchurch students after the first Eucharist at the school chapel on October 29.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, at 10:15 am. Please join us!

Susie Loustaunau, Pam McClelland, Co-chairs



**Faith by Lamplight by Elizabeth Leaf**

Now hanging in our vestry room is an oil painting of an elderly couple reading their Bible by lamplight. The artist is Elizabeth Leaf, a name known to some in our parish but not to many. So, who was Elizabeth Leaf? A resident of Urbanna and long-time parishioner of Christ Church, Elizabeth was a woman of many talents: a writer, poet, scholar, and artist. I first heard her name shortly after arriving at Christ Church in 2006 when Senior Warden Jack Tarran and Betty Cook held a "Burning of the Mortgage" celebration in our new parish hall. A very, very generous bequest to Christ Church by Elizabeth Leaf allowed us to not only retire the mortgage on that facility but also to perform much-needed maintenance on the rectory and the church. She also left funds to be distributed to many local charities. Father Scott Krejci remembers her well and calls her a lovely Virginia lady.

We are fortunate to have this painting, donated by Father Scott, as a reminder of one who went before us but left a lasting legacy in Christ Church. I will occasionally bring to your attention other gifts or names we should not forget. They are all a part of who we are now. VR, Grace



## INTRODUCING OUR PARISH KITCHEN TEAM

CCP LADIES GATHERED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> TO CLEAN AND ORGANIZE THE PARISH KITCHEN.



*(PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LINDA IRWIN, ANNE WILCOX, BEV HART, GRACE PARKER, PAT ANDERSON, GINGER HELLEMS, ANN PADGETT – NOT PICTURED JEAN HILL AND ANN DE PEYSTER).*

For many years, we have depended on Ellen Johnson to assist us in the Parish kitchen. Ellen has decided it is time to step aside and concentrate on her well-being. Ellen has done a spectacular job over the years. We will miss her presence and attention to our care and feeding.

It is time for us to take care of the duties that we depended on Ellen to do. Ellen spent many hours after church functions keeping the kitchen clean and organized. Now that job is ours. Judy Quilter has volunteered to take on the responsibility of Team Kitchen Coordinator. This involved gathering a team of 10 individuals to clean and keep things organized in the Parish Kitchen on a quarterly basis. Let me be clear: this does not replace Ellen Johnson. **This is the responsibility of ALL who utilize the kitchen for coffee hour or the various church functions we all enjoy.** Please take a moment to read the Guidelines posted in the kitchen. We appreciate your help in making this job easier for all of us.

**NEHEMIAH 3 – MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

## THE CREATION CARE GARDEN UPDATE



Summer is quickly fading, but our Creation Care Garden is still growing! We are pleased to share that pounds and pounds of fresh produce have been harvested and delivered to the Cryer Center each week during these summer months. Many thanks go out to our volunteers: Paula Saddler, Page Wittkamp, Jeannie Alcott, Judy Quilter, Meredith Caskie and Missy Albanese for their support in planting, harvesting, watering and packaging the bounty!

Our pollinator garden has been beautiful and has played a vital role in supporting healthy plants. We want to expand it this fall. Please stop by and see what's growing anytime.





**THANK YOU  
FOR CONTRIBUTING TO CHRIST CHURCH  
PARISH'S ENDOWMENT**



You may name Christ Church Parish Endowment as the Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy

As we know and discussed in the last Endowment Newsletter, the primary purpose of life insurance is to provide a safety net for those who depend on you financially. A life insurance policy can also allow you to leave a legacy—not just for the people you love but also for organizations like Christ Church Parish Endowment that are important to you.

To name a charity or non-profit organization the beneficiary of a life insurance policy just as you can name people beneficiaries. Because you can name multiple beneficiaries, you can divide the death benefit among your loved ones and a charity. The percentage of the payout the charity gets is up to you.

If you have an existing policy, changing the beneficiary to a charity is easy. You'll likely need to provide the organization's Tax ID number. Also, let the charity know it is a beneficiary so it will know to contact the insurance company to collect its payout when you die.

If you're applying for a new policy and want to name a non-profit the beneficiary, the process can be a little more complicated. There may be an "[insurable interest](#)" question, which asks the applicant to justify the financial loss the beneficiary would have if the insured died. When applying for a policy, inquire as to any restrictions on naming a beneficiary. Not all companies have restrictions.

Here are the advantages to consider.

Pro for the owner: You still own the policy. This gives you access to any [cash value](#) accumulation while living and the option to change the beneficiary.

Pro for the charity: The charity receives a lump sum payment from the death benefit.

We will discuss in future newsletter entries how insurance may assist your

charitable giving by naming the Charity by Gift of Dividends From a Life Insurance

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Policy. Bless you. Watch this space!

Your Christ Church Parish Endowment Board

Jack Hellems (Chair), Bill Budd, Grace Parker, Jim Knupp, Jeannette Adkins,  
Rev. Randi Rowe



### **Funding Stewardship Pledges using 2024 Retirement Account (RMD) Required Minimum Distributions**

For the tax year 2024, IRA account holders aged 70 1/2 and older can make IRA-Qualified Distributions of up to \$105,000 (index adjusted annually) without owing income tax on the transaction, which can also count as your RMD for that year.

As of 2024, IRA account holders may give a one-time gift of up to \$53,000 directly to an eligible entity through a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder unitrust, or charitable remainder annuity trust. This is an increase from \$50,000 in 2023.

A qualified charitable distribution can satisfy part or all of your IRA minimum distribution requirements. If you are planning to limit your distributions to the RMD amount, you will need to make sure part of that required minimum distribution is going directly to a qualified charity. This effectively lowers your taxable income by the qualified charitable distribution amount.

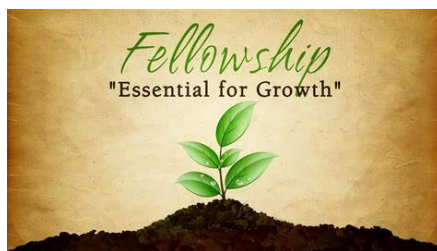
Christ Church Parish is not in the business of giving tax advice.

Please consult your IRA administrator with questions and guidance to facilitate this pledge.

With heartfelt thanks,

CCP Stewardship Committee,

Jack Hellems (Chair), Bill Budd, Jim Knupp, Rev. Randi Rowe



The Fellowship Committee Sets the Tone for a Colorful Autumn and Holiday Season  
With deep butter-colored rays of sunshine drenching the fields and farms of Middlesex County, we are reminded of the changing seasons and the advent of Autumn. The last quarter of the year brings major holidays and literally hustling Fellowship Committee members as we prepare special events for our parishioners and the community.

Mark your calendars for the famous Marine Corps Run that commemorates the passing of Major General Lewis “” Chesty “Puller on October 11th, 1971. About 90 strong, able-bodied recruits conduct a ceremonial Run to the church, where they are greeted by our Committee Members with snacks, soft drinks, and multiple cups of coffee. Stories that chronicle the life and legend of Chesty Puller are shared with the runners and appreciated by all. After a few more comments and words of praise, The Marine Detachment moves back to their base, and the grounds of Christ Church Parish are once again strangely calm.

A month later, on November 10th, it is now time to meet and greet acclaimed author Ms. Heath Lee, who gives a valiant overview of her book, *The League of Wives*, and the wives’ role in affecting change in the prisoner policies of the Vietnam war. The book focuses on creating and implementing policies to bring home United States aviators shot down over Vietnam and all service men and women held in captivity. Ms. Lee has devoted herself to visiting with us for two days and giving talks on the war, the culture at the time, and the power of collective voices. The Committee is gratefully accepting donations to offset these speaker fees.

Leapfrogging to the next day, we celebrate The Veterans Day Luncheon at Christ Church Parish Hall, the new video of Middlesex County Veterans and enjoy a brief presentation on *The League of Wives*.

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The Fellowship Committee will serve hot tea and cider immediately after our Christmas Eve service outside the doors of our church. Please join us!!!

Our final event of the season is Epiphany on January 6th. The large blaze of dried Christmas trees and holiday greens gives a spectacular ending to the holiday season and signals new beginnings in our church and personal lives. Onward Christian Soldiers into the night and the days ahead as we share the news of the Christ Child's birth.

Mary Lynn Landgraf and Bev Hart



## **WINGS, WHEELS & KEELS BAKESALE**

Save the Date! September 28, 2024



We are looking forward to another great fund-raiser! Put on your baking hats and start baking...we will accept baked goods the week before September 28 and hope we receive LOTS of cookies! Cakes, breads, pies, etc. are also needed. Susie Loustaunau is heading the Bakesale, and Judy Quilter will oversee the coffee sales. Help is needed on Friday the 27th to help price the goodies and on Saturday the 28th (the day of the event) in the booth. We are specifically looking for a cashier. Please contact Susie if you are interested.



## *Special September Celebrations*

### *Anniversaries*



- 2 *Jeff & Susie Loustaunau*
- 4 *Tom & Kathy Clarke*
- 6 *Bill Budd & Mary Lynn Landgraf*
- 15 *John & Sheila Gammel*  
*Mike & Karen Gorin*
- 28 *Jeff & Pam McClelland*  
*Scott & Nancy Campbell*

### *Birthdays*

- 4 *Jackie Brown*  
*Marian Goodloe*
- 5 *Barbara Shaw*
- 6 *Ann de Peyster*  
*Liz Perkins*
- 7 *Micki Clay*
- 10 *Alyson Holt*
- 14 *Betty Evans*
- 17 *Theresa Liverman*
- 18 *Bob Montague*
- 22 *Sallie Wells*
- 24 *Janet Lundin*
- 25 *Bill Cawthorn*  
*Jeff McClelland*
- 26 *Mary Buxton*
- 29 *Sheila Gammel*
- 30 *Cathy Spence*







## FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

September 2024: It's a New Day!

As we welcome our new Rector to Christ Church, we also welcome a new choir member. Addie Kosek, a senior at Christchurch School, joins us as part of the Sanders Educational Scholarship program. She will be singing two Sundays a month. This is a blessing for our small choir. We had to cancel planned anthems several weeks last month because of illness and unforeseen absences. If you are a singer, we encourage you to join us so we may continue to have a regular choir presence in the sanctuary on Sundays. We rehearse one Saturday morning a month and Sundays at 9:00. See director Libby Boyer for more details.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WELCOMED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. If you are a member of Christ Church Parish you may submit an article of interest for consideration to be published in the newsletter.

To ensure that the newsletter is published and distributed in a manner that all will receive it before the month it pertains to begins, the submission deadlines for 2024 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:</u>
<b>October</b>	<b>September 18, 2024</b>
November	October 25, 2024
December	November 15, 2024
January 2025	December 23, 2024

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to [jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com](mailto:jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com) Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a "space available" basis.